



Community Appearance Commission

Minutes April 7, 2010

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order Wednesday, April 7, 2010, by Lynn Raker, city staff liaison, in the Council Chambers, 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present:

Present: Connie Baker, Sandy Borre, Suzanne Casey, Diane Gibbs, Deborah Harris, Sue McHugh, Barbara Lawther, Barbara Perry, and Sara Robinson

Absent: Sean Meyers and Tom Wolpert

Staff: Mayor Pro Tem Maggie Blackwell, Diana Moghrabi and Lynn Raker

Lynn Raker presented an orientation for CAC members. The CAC elected Barbara Perry as chair and Barbara Lawther as vice chair. (9-0) Lynn Raker turned the meeting over to the Chair. Members were introduced to Sandy Borre and Deborah Harris who were welcomed as new members. Barbara Perry has been appointed for another term.

The minutes of the March 3, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

Neighborhoods & Education Committee

- The CAC/ Neighborhood Leaders Alliance (NLA) meeting has been changed to Thursday, April 29, 2010, at One Water Street at 4 p.m. The theme will be "Neighborhood Accountability." Sue McHugh will make a presentation on the North Main Neighborhood (NOMA) activities.
- The annual "Spring Spruce Up" (April 19-23) is tied into the Earth Day promotions.
- The NLA meets twice a year. There will be more discussion on meeting more frequently; subcommittees have been getting a lot done.

Art in Public Places

- Barbara Perry updated the Commission on the activities of the Salisbury Public Art Committee.
- Lynn Raker updated the Commission on the new outdoor sculpture show which has been installed. There was a reception at the home of Edward and Susan Norvell March 26. The brochure is being printed by Diversified Graphics. <http://www.salisburysculpture.com/>

- The Rotary Club, in celebration of their 100th anniversary, will sponsor a police memorial marker. A statue is also under consideration. Contacts are Lieutenant Karen Barbee and Chief Rory Collins of Salisbury Police Department and Diane Scott, President of Rotary.
- The McKay law office marker will soon be in place. It will be an interpretive sign rather than a bronze marker.

Landscape of the Month

- The signs have been repaired for another season.

LOM April winners are:

Residential

Dr. and Mrs. Bobby Lomax
1653 Wiltshire Road
704-633-5729

Commercial

Olive Garden Italian Restaurant
1425 Klumac Road
704-633-6198

Nominations were submitted for Long Horn (Klumac Road), 203 Mitchell Avenue, 244 Confederate Avenue, 113 S Milford and Wiley Avenue.

Grants

(Municipal Service District Grant and Innes Street Grant)

Lynn Raker reported receiving a couple of applications and one large application is pending. Some electronic communication with the committee will be necessary. The old Wooden Stone site is pending since there is not currently a tenant.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The entrance signs–Welcome to Salisbury
April 6 at noon, in the first floor conference room, Sue McHugh, Sean Meyers, Sara Robinson, Lynn Raker and Barbara Perry attended a committee meeting to discuss how to improve on the “Welcome to Salisbury” signage. Mark Martin of the City Landscape Division brought a sample of a deteriorated sign which helped the committee decide which signs to keep, throw out or move.

Heavily trafficked areas (major locations) will have one of the eight good signs. Some signs will be repaired. The sign on White Farm Road will be moved, there will be no replacement for the

one on Faith Road that has been vandalized a number of times. The Catawba sign is alright. This is a temporary measure until more decisions can be made and money can be raised.

The committee hopes some neighborhoods will adopt the signs and do some landscaping around them. Rockwell Farms will donate plant material.

The CAC has made a request to City Council this year to implement a phased program for replacement of the signs. A way-finding signage system is still being considered by the city.

- The Woodson Family Foundation awarded a grant for \$1000 toward the main plaques that go on the Cotton Mill Project.
- The City budget will be real tight this year.
- The North Carolina Land Trust is offering a conference April 23, 2010. The CAC received the information on **Building Communities for a New Nation** at this meeting. The Commission will pay the small fee for anyone who wishes to go. http://www.landtrustnc.org/calendar_events.asp

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next regular CAC meeting will be May 5, 2010 (the first Wednesday of the month).